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		5,662,595	09.1997	Chesher et al.			
		1,445,437	08.1921	Hoefftcke			
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	<b>2,545,843</b>	<b>03.20.1951</b>	<b>Cohan</b>				
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	<b>4,088,130</b>	<b>05.09.1978</b>	<b>Applegate</b>				
	<b>4,337,764</b>	<b>07.06.1982</b>	<b>Lerman</b>				
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		<b>4,982,732</b>	<b>01.08.1991</b>	Morris			
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		<b>5,052,379</b>	<b>10.01.1991</b>	Airy et al.			
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